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Bill Allowing a 1 Percent Pay Raises Clears House Committee

Appropriations legislation does not prohibit a pay hike, meaning President Obama's proposal could take effect.

EPA Employees Told to Stop Pooping in the Hallway // Eric Katz

Agency hires consultant to tell it to watch out for misplaced bowel movements.

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Senate Panel Backs Changing TSP Default Settings to More Lucrative Funds // Kellie Lunney

The legislation would automatically enroll new federal employees in a more diverse, age-appropriate retirement fund.

House Committee Requires USPS to Keep Saturday Mail Delivery // Eric Katz

Maintaining six-day delivery wins bipartisan support after subcommittee supported a potential reduction.

Why It's Important to Communicate Bad News // Sarah Agan

If your employees are in for a rough ride, tell them.

Education Department Apologizes for Offensive 'I'm Poor' Tweet // Ross Gianfortune

Image-based tweet featured a screenshot from "Bridesmaids."

Senate Panel Approves OMB Director Nomination // Kellie Lunney

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan's nomination to head the management and budget office now heads to the Senate floor.

The Military Is About to Get New Spy Glasses // Patrick Tucker

The Defense Department's new smart spectacles go beyond Google Glass.

Obama Has the Speech, ISIL Has the Territory // Major Garrett

Obama saw the larger problem coming, though the particulars eluded him (and almost everyone else in Washington).

Misdemeanor Guilty Plea Rejected in Capitol Police Manager's Embezzlement Case // Billy House

Case involves Deborah K. Lewis' previous employment at Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Pay & Benefits Watch: Agencies, Congress Work to Ensure Government Isn't Overpaying Employees // Eric Katz

New interim rule reduces pay for contractors, while Congress looks to do the same for some civilians.

Coming Out on Your Resume? Great Idea, Especially if You're Black // Yitz Jordan

New data suggest that the hurdles facing LGBT workers have been shrinking.

Mike Rogers: Lawmakers Should Spend More Time in D.C. // Billy House

Outgoing congressman says more district time, less committee work, diminishes expertise on important concerns.

Promises of Federal Spending Help Thad Cochran's Surprise Rebound Against Tea Party // Alex Roarty

Some voters appeared swayed by Cochran's pledges to continue delivering federal money to the mostly poor, rural state of Mississippi.

Play of the Day: A Poor-Off Will Decide 2016 // Reena Flores

Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden fight to claim the title of "least rich."

Disputed \$103 Million DHS Employee Smartcard Project Falls Behind // Aliya Sternstein

Government attorneys reject latest protest pitting HP against contract winner XTec.

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